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CENTRALLY SPONSORED SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under implementation by his ministry;

(b) whether the performance of such schemes have been reviewed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes which are being run through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs);

(d) the amount of grants sanctioned and released by the Government for implementation of those schemes to NGOs during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to devise ways for better monitoring of the flagship schemes and to enhance their transparency and accountability?

Answer

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 313 by Dr. Rattan Singh Ajnala and Dr. Bhola Singh for answer on 3.9.2012 regarding 'Centrally Sponsored Social Welfare Schemes'

(a) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes:-

(i) Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes

(ii) Pre Matric Scholarship for Children of those engaged in 'Unclean Occupations'

(iii) Pre Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes Students studying in Classes IX and X

(iv) Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana

(a) Hostels for SC Boys

(b) Hostels for SC Girls

(v) Equity support to Scheduled Castes Development Corporations of States

(vi) Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989

(vii) Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana

(viii) Post Matric Scholarship for OBC Students

(ix) Pre Matric Scholarship for OBC Students

(x) Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

(b) The various initiatives taken by the Ministry for monitoring the progress of implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes include the following :-

(i) Quarterly/Annual Progress Reports furnished by the State Governments/UT Administrations.

(ii) The Ministry sponsors evaluation studies from time to time through independent evaluation agencies, to, inter alia, check proper

utilisation of funds by the implementing agencies.

(iii) Fresh/subsequent releases of grants to implementing agencies during a year are made only on receipt of Utilisation Certificates in respect of the previous years' grants, which have become due.

(iv) Bi-Annual Conference of the State Social Welfare Ministers and the Annual Conference of the State Welfare Secretaries organised by the Ministry.

(v) Review of Schemes/Programmes by the Officers of the Ministry during their visits to the States/UTs.

(c) No Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being run through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Government has approved setting up of an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) as an attached office under the aegis of Planning Commission to carry out independent evaluation of various flagship programmes/schemes. The IEO will be an independent body, fully funded by the Government of India and will have functional autonomy to discharge its functions.